

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2022
<b>Title:</b>	connect4communities Grant Awards
<b>Report From:</b>	Suzanne Smith, Assistant Director, Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

That the Director of Children's Services approves the award of grants to:

##### 1.1 YMCA Andover, (Test Valley), the sum of £3,000

To support their Foodbox Scheme which will provide 157 families with essential provisions and food. Families have to fit criteria to register on the scheme and receive a box a fortnight. Each family is limited to no more than six boxes in a six-month period.

##### 1.2 Whitchurch Conservation Group (Basingstoke & Deane), the sum of £6,580

To provide create food and care packages for 100 families referred through local church, community groups and schools in Whitchurch and Testbourne.

##### 1.3 Totton Baby Bundles (New Forest), the sum of £1,900

To provide create care packages for up to eight families with newborn babies referred through healthcare providers and community groups.

##### 1.4 Growing Places (Havant), the sum of £1,579

To support 24 vulnerable families suffering financial hardship through the winter months. The grant will fund essential provisions and food for these families who have been referred through local community groups.

**1.5 Alton Community Cupboard (East Hampshire), the sum of £2,400**

To support 150 vulnerable families suffering financial hardship through the winter months. The grant will fund essential provisions and food and some overhead costs for the organisation that is reliant on volunteers. Families will be referred to this project through local community groups.

**1.6 FareShare Southern Central Mobile Larders (Winchester), the sum of £6,500**

To establish a mobile Food Larder that serve some of the hardest to reach areas around Winchester. This will support 50 families a week, providing better access to nutritious and affordable food.

**1.7 Citizens Advice New Forest – Outreach Services (New Forest), the sum of £6,930**

To support for outreach support to be delivered through the New Forest mobile food larders, providing access to utility vouchers, help with housing issues and other essentials for vulnerable families.

**1.8 Park School Pie and Bread Making (Havant), the sum of £7,000**

To support Pie and Bread making classes to teach 240 families how to make their own bread and pies, using healthy ingredients.

This will incorporate Food Hygiene training for adults, providing them with the skills to move into possible employment in the hospitality sector. The families will be able to take half of what they make home and contribute half to the Community Pantry to go to other families.

**1.9 Park School – Surplus Waste Food Kitchen (Havant), the sum of £9,500**

To support delivery of cooking classes to 60 families and individuals to create tasty and nutritional dishes using leftovers, cheaper cuts and food from the community pantry.

The families will create meals for the whole family and how to make "Take away" meals at a cheaper price. The participants will create all meals from scratch and take away recipes so that they can replicate the meals.

The project will design a recipe book of favourite recipes with the families which will be printed and go into the community pantry for other families to pick up and cook from. Adults will be supported to take their Level 2 Food hygiene certification which could lead to employment opportunities in the hospitality sector in the future.

**1.10 Romsey Community School – Community Allotment (Test Valley), the sum of £6,534**

To support the establishment of a grow and eat programme and a Community Allotment space in the school grounds.

The project will bring together pupils from the school, community volunteers and local allotment association to grow the produce and supply the community pantry for local families to enjoy.

The volunteers will work together with the pupils outside school hours to decide which plants to grow and to design a plan for the area which incorporates the existing fruit trees and bushes. They will build new beds and redesign the space to maximise its growing potential.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's Household Support Fund. A grant fund of £1,750,000 has been made available to organisations who wish to support their local community with food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas. Use of such a grant fund will enable a flexible and responsive approach to addressing local needs as and when they are identified, in accordance with the Department for Work and Pensions guidance.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- Melrose Community Association – to cover cost of rent and utilities for Foodhub

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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